

***Supplemental Allowance***

***Reasons for Allowance***

1. Claims 34-37, 39, 41-43, 48, 50-53 and 57-59 are allowed over the prior art of record. Claims 34-37, 39, 41-43, 48, 50-53 and 57-59 are renumbered as 1-16 respectively.
2. The present invention is directed to a method for performing color conversion among a plurality of image forming apparatuses. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features “using a color profile provided in the host image apparatus to convert input data, in a RGB color space, to converted color data, in a device dependent RGB color space of said host image forming apparatus for reproducing by the host image forming apparatus colors obtained by another image forming apparatus applying said input color data, each of said input color data and said converted color data corresponding to a same color in a predetermined device-independent color space which does not depend on apparatus types; and converting, by the host image forming apparatus, the converted RGB color data to converted CMYK data and forwarding the converted CMYK data to a printer engine of the host image forming apparatus, the printer engine reproducing the colors corresponding to the converted RGB color data by mixing or blending CMYK color materials, wherein the plurality of image forming apparatuses have respective different dither matrixes”. The closest prior art, Ohkubu (US 7,079,280) fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS DICKER whose telephone number is (571)270-3140. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Haskins can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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